As the decadal growth rate of population in reorganized Madhya Pradesh at 24.34 during 1991-2000 was still higher than the All India average of 21.34 and the health and demographic indices of the State, such as birth rate, death rate and infant mortality were still above the National Level , the State Govt. was impressed upon to bring about improvement in quality, content and coverage of health care facilities.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

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2319. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether 25 districts have been selected under a Special Scheme for development with a new vision, under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana;

(b) if so, the details of the districts selected for special development under this Yojana in Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and other States; and

(c) the steps taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, sir. Twenty five districts have been selected under the Backward Districts component of the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana initiated in the current financial year on a pilot basis.

(b) The list of Districts identified for the pilot phase is enclosed as statement. (*See* below)

(c) The State Governments are to prepare a District Plan for each of the identified districts. The additionality is to be used for schemes which fulfill the main objectives of the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana, namely, to address the problems of low agricultural productivity, unemployment and to fill critical gaps in physical and social infrastructure.

Statement

Districts selected for the Pilot Phase of Backward Districts Initiative in 2002-03

Sl.No.	Name of the State	Name of the District
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1. Adilabad 2. Warangal
2.	Chhattisgarh	3. Bastar 4. Dantewada
3.	Gujarat	5. Dangs
4.	Jharkhand	6. Lohardagga 7. Gumla 8. Simdega
5.	Karnataka	9. Gulbarga
6.	Kerala	10. Palakkad
7.	Madhya Pradesh	11. Barwani 12. Mandla 13. West Nimar (Khargone)
8.	Maharashtra	14. Gadchiroli 15. Bhandara
9.	Rajasthan	16. Banswara 17. Dungarpur
10.	Tamil Nadu	18. Tiruvannamalai
11.	Uttar Pradesh	19. Sonbhadra 20. Rae Bareli 21. Unnao 22. Sitapur 23. Hardoi
12.	West Bengal	24. Purulia 25. Jalpaiguri